

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-01278-CKK**

LEOPOLD et al v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE et al
Assigned to: Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 05/02/2019
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
05/02/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against DOJ DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL, DOJ OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL, DOJ OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-6097749) filed by JASON LEOPOLD, BUZZFEED INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons Summons)(Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 05/02/2019)
05/03/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly. (zef,) (Entered: 05/03/2019)
05/03/2019	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (7) Issued Electronically as to DOJ DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL, DOJ OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL, DOJ OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zef,) (Entered: 05/03/2019)
05/09/2019	<u>3</u>	ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR CASES ASSIGNED TO JUDGE COLLEEN KOLLAR-KOTELLY. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 5/9/19. (DM) (Entered: 05/09/2019)
05/15/2019	<u>4</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Matthew Topic on behalf of BUZZFEED INC., JASON LEOPOLD (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 05/15/2019)
05/15/2019	<u>5</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by BUZZFEED INC., JASON LEOPOLD (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 05/15/2019)
05/23/2019	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. DOJ DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL served on 5/14/2019 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 05/23/2019)
05/23/2019	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. DOJ OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL served on 5/14/2019 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 05/23/2019)
05/23/2019	<u>8</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. DOJ OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL served on 5/14/2019 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 05/23/2019)
05/23/2019	<u>9</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION served on 5/13/2019 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 05/23/2019)
05/23/2019	<u>10</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 05/14/2019. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 05/23/2019)
05/23/2019	<u>11</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 5/14/2019. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 6/13/2019. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 05/23/2019)
05/23/2019	<u>12</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 5/14/2019 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 05/23/2019)
06/13/2019	<u>13</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Courtney Danielle Enlow on behalf of All Defendants (Enlow, Courtney) (Entered: 06/13/2019)
06/13/2019	<u>14</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by DOJ DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL, DOJ OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL, DOJ OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D, # <u>5</u> Exhibit E, # <u>6</u> Exhibit F, # <u>7</u> Exhibit G, # <u>8</u> Exhibit H, # <u>9</u> Exhibit I, # <u>10</u> Exhibit J, # <u>11</u> Exhibit K, # <u>12</u> Exhibit L)(Enlow, Courtney) (Entered: 06/13/2019)

06/14/2019	<u>15</u>	ORDER. The parties shall file the schedule not later than JULY 14, 2019 . See Order for further details. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on June 14, 2019. (lcckk1) (Entered: 06/14/2019)
06/14/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Meet & Confer Statement due by 7/14/2019. (dot) (Entered: 06/14/2019)
07/03/2019	<u>16</u>	MOTION to Consolidate Cases with <i>CNN v. FBI, No. 19-1626</i> by DOJ DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL, DOJ OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL, DOJ OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum in Support, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Enlow, Courtney) (Entered: 07/03/2019)
07/03/2019	<u>17</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>16</u> MOTION to Consolidate Cases with <i>CNN v. FBI, No. 19-1626</i> filed by BUZZFEED INC., JASON LEOPOLD. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order Proposed Order)(Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 07/03/2019)
07/10/2019	<u>18</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>16</u> MOTION to Consolidate Cases with <i>CNN v. FBI, No. 19-1626</i> filed by DOJ DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL, DOJ OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL, DOJ OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Enlow, Courtney) (Entered: 07/10/2019)
07/15/2019	<u>19</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>16</u> MOTION to Consolidate Cases with <i>CNN v. FBI, No. 19-1626</i> filed by CABLE NEWS NETWORK, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A Order in 15-mc-1188)(Tobin, Charles) (Entered: 07/15/2019)
07/15/2019	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DOJ DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL, DOJ OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL, DOJ OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Enlow, Courtney) (Entered: 07/15/2019)
07/16/2019	<u>21</u>	SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM to re <u>19</u> Memorandum in Opposition to Motion to Consolidate filed by CABLE NEWS NETWORK, INC.. (Tobin, Charles) (Entered: 07/16/2019)
07/22/2019	<u>22</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>16</u> MOTION to Consolidate Cases with <i>CNN v. FBI, No. 19-1626</i> filed by DOJ DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL, DOJ OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL, DOJ OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Enlow, Courtney) (Entered: 07/22/2019)
08/06/2019	<u>23</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Merrick Jason Wayne on behalf of BUZZFEED INC., JASON LEOPOLD (Wayne, Merrick) (Entered: 08/06/2019)
08/09/2019	<u>24</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Elizabeth J. Shapiro on behalf of All Defendants (Shapiro, Elizabeth) (Entered: 08/09/2019)
08/27/2019	<u>25</u>	Partial MOTION for Judgment on the Pleadings by DOJ DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL, DOJ OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL, DOJ OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum in Support, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order, # <u>3</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>4</u> Exhibit A – Brinkmann Declaration, # <u>5</u> Exhibit B – Hardy Declaration, # <u>6</u> Exhibit C – emails, # <u>7</u> Exhibit D – emails)(Enlow, Courtney) (Entered: 08/27/2019)
09/03/2019		MINUTE ORDER: The Court has received Defendants' <u>16</u> Motion for Consolidation requesting that this case be consolidated with Cable News Network v. Federal Bureau of Investigation, No. 19-cv-1626 (D.D.C.), assigned to Judge Royce C. Lamberth. This case is in the process of being reassigned to Judge Reggie B. Walton, by his consent, as related to his case Electric Privacy Information Center v. United States Department of Justice, No. 19-cv-810 (D.D.C.). Accordingly, Defendants' Motion is DENIED as moot. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on September 3, 2019. (lcckk1) (Entered: 09/03/2019)